

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1150

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate DeShawn Mattson on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Sycamore Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, DeShawn Mattson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattson has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by Sycamore Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher by recognizing the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an astute student herself, DeShawn Mattson received her bachelor's degree from Freed-Hardeman University in 1996 and her master's degree from Cumberland University in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattson has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for nine exemplary years, teaching third grade at Somerville Elementary School from 1997 to 1998 and second, third, and fourth grades at Sycamore Elementary since 1999; and

WHEREAS, DeShawn Mattson gives back to her profession through her membership in various professional organizations, including the Professional Educators of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, distinguishing herself as an educational leader, Ms. Mattson has participated in numerous educational leadership activities, including an in-service presentation in the Putnam County start-up session about the accelerated reading program at Sycamore Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattson is a civic-minded individual who works tirelessly for the improvement of her community; she has contributed her time and many talents as Secretary for the Parent Teacher Organization, a Bible class teacher, a Vacation Bible School teacher, and

Bible Bowl mentor and coach; she has also served as the Team Mom for her son's youth sports teams; and

WHEREAS, DeShawn Mattson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattson truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, DeShawn Mattson epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate DeShawn Mattson on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Sycamore Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.